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SUBJECT: UNIDO - DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POST

REF: VIENNA 1652 (USUN 3874)

1. WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUP (WEOG) AMBASADORIAL-LEVEL MEETING WAS CALLED MARCH 4 SOLELY TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF UNIDO DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POST. CHAIRMAN HJORTH-NIELSEN (DENMARK) SAID MEETING IN FACT WAS PROBABLY NO LONGER NECESSARY, SINCE HE HAD JUST SPOKEN TO SYG WALDHEIM AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT POST WOULD BE FILLED BY SOMEONE FROM AN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY. WALDHEIM TOLD HIM HE HAD DISMISSED THIS WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KHANE DURING LATTER'S RECENT VISIT AND THERE WAS COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING ON THIS POINT. HJORTH-NIELSEN SAID HE HAD SOUGHT OUT WALDHEIM BECAUSE OF CONCERN THAT AFIFI (EGYPT) MIGHT BE NAMED TO THE POST.

2. GROUP CONSIDERED BRIEFLY WHETHER IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO SUBMIT AN AGREED NAME TO WALDHEIM NOW. IN RESPONSE TO MENTION BY CHAIRMAN OF RUMORED SWEDISH INTEREST, AMB. RYDBECK (SWEDEN) CONFIRMED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD A CANDIDATE, A MAN WHO RECENTLY JOINED UNIDO AS DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, BUT DID NOT THINK IT WISE FOR WEOG TO PUT FORWARD A PARTICULAR

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CANDIDATE. CHAIRMAN SAID HE HAD ALSO HEARD OF JAPANESE

INTEREST. GROUP AGREED THAT HJORTH-NIELSEN SHOULD EXPRESS ITS SATISFACTION TO WALDHEIM THAT POST WILL GO TO A NATIONAL OF A DEVELOPED COUNTRY.

3. AFTER MEETING RYDBECK TOLD MISOFF THAT SWEDISH CANDIDATE IS INDEED RISHOLM (REFTEL). JAPANESE REP AT MEETING CONFIRMED TO MISOFF HIS GOVERNMENTS'S INTEREST BUT HE DID NOT KNOW IF A NAME HAD BEEN SINGLED OUT.
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